

**Business Area #10:  
West Cambridge/Alewife**

**Boundaries:** Mason Street, Ash Street, the Charles River, the Watertown line, the Belmont line, the Arlington line, Alewife Brook Parkway, the B&M Railroad right of way, Sherman Street, Garden Street.

Major areas of Business/Retail/Industrial concentration include: businesses and offices on Mt. Auburn Street between 180 and 700 including the Star Market, the Fresh Pond Mall, industrial and research complexes on Smith, Fawcett, Mooney and Cambridge Park Drive, the Huron Village area, shops and restaurants on Concord and Garden Street.



*Huron Avenue/West Cambridge*

**Larcenies from buildings** increased slightly in the second quarter of 2003. Three locations reported multiple incidents: the Church of Latter Day Saints, Mount Auburn Hospital, and the Divinity School. Six larcenies have been reported at the Church of Latter Day Saints. The thefts have been occurring on the weekends between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. In five out of the six incidents, wallets and backpacks left unattended were targeted. Five larcenies were reported at the Mount Auburn Hospital. Four out of the five incidents occurred in the first three months of the year. Unattended wallets and purses were also targeted in these thefts. The Divinity School reported three thefts of laptops, possibly committed by an employee. • **Larcenies from persons** dropped significantly in the second quarter of 2003. Two of the eight incidents occurred at grocery stores where wallets were stolen after they were left unattended at checkout counters. • No **commercial burglary** patterns were reported. Four out of the six commercial breaks occurred on Concord Avenue. • Two out of the three **commercial robberies** occurred at the same drug store on Huron Avenue. The robberies occurred early in the year on weekday nights around closing time. In both incidents, the suspect passed a note to the pharmacist demanding Percocets and Oxycontin. • The majority of the **shoplifting** incidents in this business district are at the Star Market and Bread and Circus. Shoplifters in this area tend to be older and more professional than arrestees in other business districts.

CRIME	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2002	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2003	%CHANGE
Larceny from Building	30	38	+27%
Larceny from Person	24	8	-67%
Commercial Burglary	10	6	-40%
Commercial Robbery	2	3	*Inc.
Shoplifting	31	13	-58%
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	13	23	+77%

\*Note: percentages are not calculated for numbers so small as to lead to a statistically misleading percentage.